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For : METHOD FOR ALLOCATING OPERATOR CONTROL  
FUNCTIONS TO OPERATOR-COMMUNICATION  
CONTROLS OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHICH IS  
ABLE TO EXECUTE THE FUNCTIONS OF A PLURALITY  
OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES AS SWITCHABLE  
FUNCTIONS, ESPECIALLY DEVICES IN MOTOR  
VEHICLE LUXURY FEATURE ELECTRONICS, AND THE  
CORRESPONDING DEVICE  
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**RULE 116 RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

S I R:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 20, 2004, reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.